Ezhava Population.

378. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the Ezhava population in the following taluks :—

Kottarakara.	Neduvangad.
Pattanapuram.	Neyyattinkara.
Shencotta.	Vilavankod.
Chirayinkil.	Kalkulam.
Trivandrum.	Agastisvarm.
Quilon.	Tovala.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement* taken from the Census Report of 1921 and containing the required particulars is laid on the table.

Statement, by Castes, of Officers in the Excise Department.

379. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Petty-Officers and peons in the Excise Department ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A statement† containing the information required by the Member is laid on the table.

Mr. Vaidyalingam Pillai, Protector of Depressed Classes.

380. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*) : (*a*) When was Mr. R. Vaidyalingam Pillai appointed as the Protector of the Depressed Classes ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the nature and extent of the special work done by him since the date of his appointment as compared with the same work got through in a similar period before his appointment ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 29th March 1924.

(*b*) Mr. Vaidyalingam Pillai has submitted a report of the work done so far and it is available in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council for the perusal of the Member. The appointment of Protector has not affected the revenue officers' duties and responsibilities in the matter of the registry of Government lands. Hence it is not possible to institute a useful comparison between his work and that of the revenue officers for any period.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Is the report a big volume ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is pretty long though not a volume by itself.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government in the habit of passing orders on the reports submitted by him as they do in the case of reports of other departments about their working ?

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* *Vide* Appendix III—page 1020. † *Vide* Appendix IV —page 1021.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Has such an order been passed with respect to the working of the department for the protector of depressed classes during the last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no annual report for that department as in the case of other departments. It is a special report that he was asked to send.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that it was not an annual report that was received from him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was not an annual report like those submitted in the case of other departments. He was a Special Officer and he was asked to report on the work that had been done.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is there any way of knowing the work that has been done?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report is available in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council and can be perused by the Member if he likes.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): It may be possible for *me* to go through the report. The public have no means of knowing it. If at least an order is passed by the Government, that may be published and the people may get some information about the work.

PRESIDENT: I think you would like to see that the report is published. I will consider whether we can print and publish it. I will look into the matter myself.

Honorary Co-operative Organisers for Nanjinad.

381. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of co-operative societies in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram;

(2) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommended to the Government recently the appointment of an honorary co-operative organiser for Nanjinad;

(3) the name of the person or persons so recommended;

(4) the action taken by the Government on the recommendation; and

(5) if no orders have been passed yet, whether, in the interests of the progress of co-operation in Tamil taluks, the Government will sanction the appointment at an early date?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The number of Co-operative Societies in Tovala is 11 and in Agastisvaram 44.

(2) The appointment of an honorary co-operative organiser for Nanjinad was sanctioned on the 29th April 1925; but when this gentleman changed his headquarters from Nagercoil to Eraniel, another gentleman was recommended by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

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